

allow employers and insurance companies to deny women needed health coverage. But let's also take a look at their recent record on issues important to women's health.

Last year, Republicans voted to end Federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of reproductive health services in the United States. They voted to eliminate funding for Title X family planning which, for 40 years, has provided family planning services, cancer screenings, and other preventive health services to low-income women.

And with their attempt to repeal the health care reform law, Republicans voted to allow insurance companies to, once again, deny women coverage if they've ever been pregnant, had a C-section, or been the victim of domestic violence.

Madam Speaker, Republicans' idea of Women's History Month is reenacting the women's equality fight of 100 years ago.

I call on my GOP colleagues to join us here in the 21st century, where women not only raise families, they have jobs, and they even wear pants.

CONGRATULATING BRIDGET BROWN ON RECEIVING THE 2012 SELF-ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR CHAMPION OF CHANGE AWARD

(Mrs. BIGGERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, hundreds of advocates from across the country traveled to Capitol Hill last week to raise awareness on behalf of the National Down Syndrome Society. Today I rise to congratulate one of those individuals, Bridget Brown, who is being honored with the 2012 Self-Advocate of the Year Champion of Change Award.

A resident of Darien, Illinois, Bridget has helped to empower and inspire thousands of others with Down Syndrome to lead full and successful lives. A role model, mentor, and national speaker, she graduated from high school in 2005 after becoming the first person with Down Syndrome to be included in her school district. She helped to promote among Illinois educators the concept of inclusion, and launched her own advocacy organization called Butterflies for Change.

I applaud Bridget for her amazing work at the local and national level to help others achieve their full potential. She has made her State and her community proud, and I wish Bridget continued success in her efforts on behalf of the more than 400,000 Americans with Down Syndrome.

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PROTECT AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

(Ms. BALDWIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4105, a bill that would allow us to protect American manufacturing, including Wisconsin's paper industry, from unfair Chinese trade practices.

The simple fact is that China is cheating. Chinese manufacturers are not outcompeting American manufacturers. Chinese companies receive direct subsidies from their government to help them undercut American businesses. We've seen the result this has had on our manufacturing base, and in my home State of Wisconsin, particularly on our paper industry.

In the paper sector alone, China has provided more than \$33.1 billion in subsidies from 2002 to 2009 and is now the world's largest producer of paper and paper products. Hardworking American businesses in these and other sectors rely on countervailing duties to combat these illegal subsidies and help them keep their doors open.

Last month, I introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure the Department of Commerce has the legal authority to impose these countervailing duties on subsidized imports from countries like China. I am very proud to see that legislation incorporated in the larger bill before us later today, and I urge my colleagues to vote "aye."

WELCOMING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

(Mr. YODER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his visit to the United States and to reaffirm our commitment to our strongest ally, Israel.

As Prime Minister Netanyahu visits our Nation, Israel presently stands in the shadow of a threatening neighbor who is intent on producing nuclear weapons.

Israel must remain the master of its fate and be able to defend itself against Iran. Iran's nuclear program is unequivocally a threat to Israel's existence and a threat to stability throughout the whole Middle East region and throughout the whole world by way of proliferation. There is no telling who Iran may sell their enriched uranium to; but their state policy of sponsoring groups that promote terrorism, it's not hard to speculate on the dire consequences.

Madam Speaker, as we work together to combat global terrorism and those that would threaten peace, democracy, and stability in the world, we must stand strong behind our ally Israel.

WOMEN WAIT AS POLITICIANS DEBATE THEIR CARE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have a headline here this morning that indicates, "Women Wait as Politicians Debate Their Care."

This is not a story about accusations or calling college coeds prostitutes and, if you will, sluts and other negative words. This is about women's access to health care, and I'm sad to even say those words, but we see them broadcast across America's Federal airwaves by talk show entertainers like Rush Limbaugh. This young woman's name is Kimberly Moore, who is caught in a conflict in the State of Texas with the Women's Health Program that is funded by Medicaid and the decision of the State of Texas to evict Planned Parenthood from caring for women like Kimberly, a single mother working part time, who can't afford health care.

Between judges who want to accuse our President of dastardly things through jokes and the idea of keeping women away from access to health care, that should not resolve around their choice of contraceptives, but plain old health care, it's time for us to stand with the women of America and the decent people of America, to stand with this President, to stand with the idea of providing women health care, and to stand against those who are in States where they want to reject Planned Parenthood for simply giving health care access to women and to stand against divisive corrosive language.

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

(Mr. PALAZZO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I have visited the State of Israel. I have walked the streets of Jerusalem, and I have seen firsthand the beauty of its people, its culture, and its incredible history and heritage.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reminded us of that heritage last night as he addressed a crowd of thousands, and I know he is on Capitol Hill again today sending the same message: serious threats have been made towards Israel, and Israel must take threats seriously, especially when dealing with a madman working toward a nuclear weapon.

No one wants a war in an area where world peace rests on such a delicate balance. No one wants to have to initiate unnecessary aggression. I have supported sanctions. I have supported resolutions of disapproval. I want to believe that Iran's offer today to allow U.N. weapons inspectors in means that they have nothing to hide.

If our friends in Israel decide to act, I know it will not be a decision made lightly nor without good reason. I urge my colleagues to join me in affirming our support of Israel, not just to stand behind her but to stand beside her.